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Who told the truth?  
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"Grand Central Station!" mumbled the guard.

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"Goodby," replied the journalist; "not nearly as much worth while as yours."

Who told the truth?

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She Was in the Dawning of the  
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